

# Economy

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## **SB2909 SD1 HD1 CD1**

### **RELATING TO APPLICATIONS SEEKING GENERAL RATE INCREASES FILED BY PUBLIC UTILITIES HAVING ANNUAL GROSS REVENUES OF LESS THAN \$2,000,000.**

Establishes rate filing procedures for public utilities with annual gross revenues under \$2 million. Requires use of standard form application and public hearing. Requires utilities to file annual financial statements and updated chart of account.

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## Creating Jobs

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### **HB2092 HD2 SD2**

#### **RELATING TO MEDICINE AND SURGERY.**

Authorizes recognition, for physician licensing purposes, of residency training received in Canadian programs accredited by RCPSC and CFPC, and of MCCQE licensing exam results. Requires Board of Medical Examiners to periodically review licensing requirements.

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### **HB2417**

#### **RELATING TO REAL ESTATE LICENSING.**

Allows the Real Estate Commission to enter into formal license recognition agreements with other states and jurisdictions.

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### **SB2897 SD2 HD2**

#### **RELATING TO THE DENTAL EXAMINATION.**

Authorizes acceptance of dental, dental hygienist examination results from regional or state testing agencies if state constructed exams cannot be administered. Repeals license eligibility of graduates of foreign dental schools not accredited by the American Dental Association.

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## Improving the Economic Climate

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### **SB2908 SD1 HD1 CD1**

#### **RELATING TO BUSINESS REGISTRATION.**

Clarifies ambiguities and corrects errors and inconsistencies in business registration laws. Allows shareholders to act by less than unanimous consent. Authorizes appointment of trustee for dissolved corporations. Clarifies merger provisions.

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## Promoting the Tourism Industry

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### **SB2394 SD1**

#### **RELATING TO THE HAWAII TOURISM AUTHORITY.**

Amends provision relating to Hawaii Tourism Authority (HTA). Mandates HTA develop a tourism strategic market plan and update it yearly. Adds the promotion of wellness, technology, agriculture and nature tourism as niche markets for HTA to develop.

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## Strengthening and Diversifying the Economy

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### **HB2142 HD2**

#### **RELATING TO BUSINESS PRACTICES.**

Protects the confidentiality of trade secrets and proprietary information of private companies who are tenants or prospective tenants of Natural Energy Laboratory of Hawaii Authority.

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### **HB2396 HD2 SD2 CD1**

#### **RELATING TO CAPITAL INVESTMENTS.**

Establishes state private investment fund (SPIF); provides tax credits for qualifying research activities; technology infrastructure renovations; high technology business investments; repeals sunset of the Hawaii strategic development corporation revolving fund.

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### **HB2397 HD1 SD1**

#### **MAKING AN EMERGENCY APPROPRIATION FOR THE HAWAII STATE DISASTER REVOLVING LOAN FUND.**

Appropriation out of the state disaster revolving fund to the department of business, economic development, and tourism to provide them with the ability to make both individual and business loans to those suffering damage from a disaster.

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